

the hand-held device.

14. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further comprises a receiver to receive evaluation data from the central location to provide feedback to the patient.

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cont 15. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further comprises a display to display information to the patient.

16. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further comprises:

a receiver for receiving measured data obtained from a measuring device; and  
a transmitter for transmitting the received measured data to the central location.

17. (New) The system of claim 16 wherein the measuring device is a blood pressure measurement device.

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### **REMARKS**

#### **I. Status of the Claims**

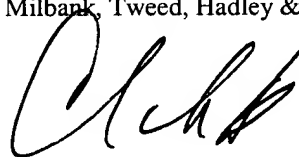
Claims 1 through 17 are now pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been amended and claims 9-17 have been added. Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the user and the patient are not necessarily the same persons. Claim 8 has been amended to clarify an ambiguity in the identification of devices. Newly presented dependent claim 9 is presented to clarify that the user and patient in claim 1 can be the same. Newly presented claims 10-17 are system claims that correspond generally to method claims 1-8.

The applicant hereby submits that all of the amendments and the new claims are fully supported by the specification as filed and that no new matter has been added by the

preliminary amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If a conference would assist in placing this application in better condition for allowance, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated.

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